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EMBASSY DISCUSSED THE STRANGE CASE OF BALACI'S REFUSAL OF IIE
SUPPORT WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MAY 20. RATHER BEWILDERINGLY,
MINISTRY CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD NOT REALIZED THAT U.S. OFFER TO
REPLACE THE FREQUENTLY-VACATED "BRINCUS" POSITION WITH BALACI
IMMEDIATELY INCLUDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FINAL SEMESTER 1973-
74. RATHER THAN EXPLORE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS COMMUNICATION
LAPSE, EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT U.S. SIDE COULD CONSIDER BALACI
"IN PRINCIPLE" UNDER SECTION I (1) A NOW AND BEGIN HIS STIPEND
UPON COMPLETION CURRENT SEMESTER. THUS, BALACI WOULD REPLACE
BRINCUS AS DOCTORAL CANDIDATE UNDER 1973-74 PROGRAM BUT FINDING
SUPPORT FROM U.S. SIDE FOR HIS PROGRAM AT MINNESOTA WOULD
COMMENCE WITH SUMMER SESSION. (BALACI WILL NOT RETURN TO ROMANIA
DURING SUMMER THIS YEAR.) TRULY HOPE THIS APPROPRIATE SOLUTION.
ADVISE.
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